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Deputy Thomas Gould
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Ref: PQ 16682/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners who were recruited as interns or newly qualified in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Gould

Please find below the information requested with regard to data on interns that have accepted GP training places from 2015 to 2021 and newly qualified GPs for the years 2015 to 2020.

Year	No. Applications	No. Interns Applied	No. Interns that accepted training offer	Overall intake	% interns
2015	295	86	57	159	36%
2016	300	94	65	172	38%
2017	286	61	45	172	26%
2018	421	80	53	193	27%
2019	446	83	48	192	25%
2020	461	83	43	208	21%
2021	685	102	61	236	26%

Year	Newly Qualified GPs*	
2015	180	2015
2016	183	2016
2017	193	2017
2018	217	2018
2019	211	2019
2020	219	2020
2021	Not currently available	



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**Please note that not all trainees will progress through the GP training scheme within four consecutive years, as some trainees will be required to repeat a year and others may take periods of leave from the training scheme e.g. maternity leave, out of programme research year. The HSE does not hold data on the exact number of newly qualified GPs within any given year who would have been recruited directly from intern year.*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leah O'Toole".

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